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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :  
(Based on PCT/IB98/02154)

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: ALPHA-HYDROXY-AMINO AND :  
FLUORO DERIVATIVES OF BETA-  
SULPHONYL HYDROXAMIC  
ACIDS AS MATRIX METALLOTEINASES  
INHIBITORS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, delete the title of the invention in its entirety, and insert therefor:

-- ALPHA-HYDROXY, -AMINO AND -FLUORO DERIVATIVES OF BETA-

SULPHONYL HYDROXAMIC ACIDS AS MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASES

INHIBITORS --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "of claim 1".

Claim 12, line 1, delete "of claim 1".